

Are medical T.V shows realistic?



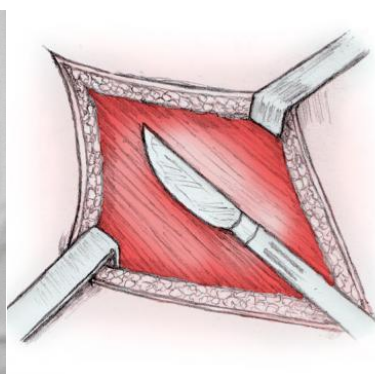
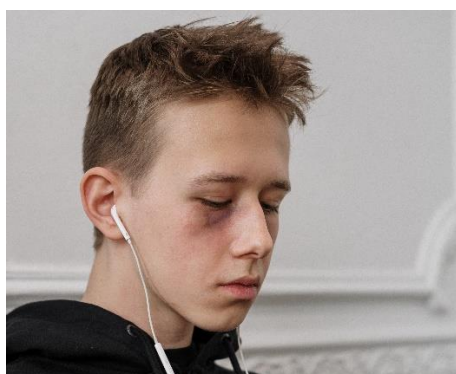
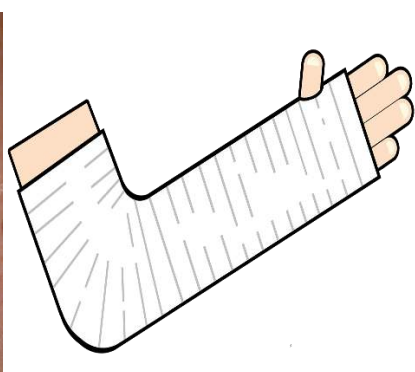
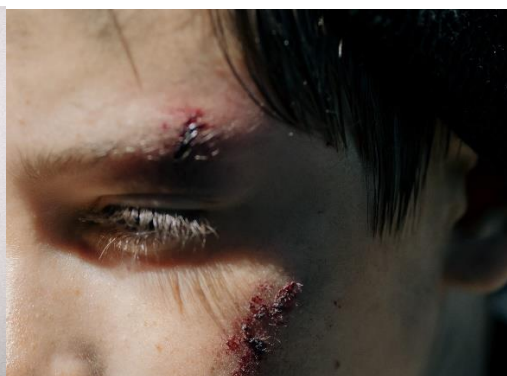
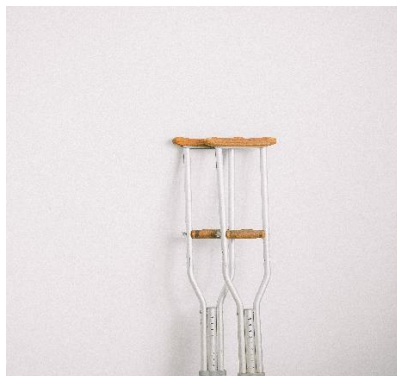
Warm up: with a partner discuss the following questions.

- a) What are some of your favourite T.V shows or movies?
- b) Can you think of any shows or movies that you think are particularly realistic?
- c) What unrealistic things in T.V shows make you *roll your eyes* or *cringe*?
- d) Do you ever watch shows about doctors and surgeons? Do you think they are realistic?



1. Match the pictures to the vocabulary in the box.

stitches	abrasion/graze	bruise
cast	incision	scrubs
scalpel	abdomen	crutches





2. You are going to watch a video of a surgeon watching medical T.V shows and assessing how realistic they are. The surgeon uses several idiomatic phrases. Use the phrases from the box to fill in the gaps.

cringe-worthy	rule number one	OCD
kick-start	back-up	a stretch

- I'm being shot at, I need
- This money from the government is intended to the economy.
- It's a little bit of, but it is plausible I guess
- of working on a project like this: always leave yourself extra time.
- He's a little bit about his car, he doesn't like if you touch anything.
- The clothes I wore in high school were I had pink hair and wrote my favorite lyrics on my jeans.



3. Pairwork: Before you watch the video, decide which of these statements you think are true, and which are false.

- Slapping a patient while performing CPR is a useful technique. T / F
- Rubbing a person's sternum is a good way to wake them up if they are passed out or unresponsive. T / F
- Defibrillators (machines used to re-start a heart) are usually set to around 15, 000 volts. T / F
- Surgeons do not actually ever inject people with adrenaline. T / F
- If a person has been shot, it is not always necessary to remove the bullet. T / F



4. Watch the first 6 minutes and 30 seconds of [“Surgical Resident Breaks Down 49 medical scenes from Film &TV”¹](#) and answer the questions.

a) What does she mean when she says "surgeons have severe OCD"? How does this make the scene unrealistic?

b) In "Rookie Blue", she points out 3 things that are accurate. What are 2 of these things?

c) In "Drop Dead Diva" somebody asks for a "12 french tube." What is a 12 french tube?

d) What does "arrythmia" mean?

e) What is H.I.P.P.A (a law in America) designed to protect?

f) Why is the scene with the intestinal worms in Grey's Anatomy unrealistic?

g) How many of the questions from exercise 3 did you get correct?



5. Optional task/homework: watch [“Surgeon Breaks Down 22 Medical Scenes From Film & TV”](#) and answer the following questions:

1. Was there anything that you found surprising or interesting?

2. Did you pick up any useful phrases or vocabulary?

3. Were there any phrases or vocabulary that you found confusing?

¹ https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=vGOL7ZvuGMc&ab_channel=WIRED